

REDMOND PARK BOARD
Minutes
April 1, 2004
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Lori Snodgrass at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Chair Lori Snodgrass, Seth Kelsey, David Degenstein, Ann Callister, David Ladd, Sue Stewart; Youth Advocate Katherine Zak

Absent and excused: Suzanne Querry

City staff present: Tim Cox, Manager of Parks Planning; Danny Hopkins, Parks and Recreation Director; Jean Rice, Parks Planning; Analyst; Kris Snider and Jeff Benesi, Hewitt & Associates; Sharon Sato, Recording Secretary

Welcome to Citizen Guests: Alex Torres, Michele Meston, Theresa Watson.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion for approval of March 4, 2004 Redmond Park Board minutes as submitted by: Seth Kelsey

Second by: Ann Calister

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

III. Items from the Audience

No items.

IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts

A. Additions - None

B. Handouts

- Arbor Day flyer (April 29 and 30)
- Downtown Redmond Transit Center Preliminary Design

- Idylwood Play Area memo - Richard VanderMark and Roy Lehner
- Central Park Master Plan 2004 - City employee comments
- 2005-2006 CIP - Draft Proposed Project List
- Central Park MP - Review Committee Comments Spreadsheet

V. Old Business

C. **Municipal Campus Master Plan - Kris Snider, Principal and Jeff Benesi, Senior Associate - Hewitt Architects**

Since the last Park Board meeting, Snider reported that he had made presentations to and obtained input from City Boards, Commissions (Arts Commission, Design Review Board, Mayor, staff, public) and other interested parties. A matrix was given to the Board which summarizes all input to date. In all four alternatives, basic framework items were also presented - treatment of open space, treatment of water, treatment of the plaza, how to deal with the river's edge and how to deal with 160th Street.

Alt. A

- Softer
- Organic
- Informal

Alt. A1

- Derivative of A1
- DNR request to add more water to add bio-filtration pond to store water coming off 85th

Alt. B

- River meets urban
- $\frac{1}{2}$ soft
- $\frac{1}{2}$ smaller urban park
- more landscape
- Plaza

Alt. C

- City goes to river
- Urban scheme

A general consensus was that Alt. A, in general with all the commissions, was the most favored, with the Arts Commission identifying more with Alt. C. The alternatives were presented in the broadest sense so that ideas would be

conceptual and BIG. The next phase will be a meeting with staff and Hewitt within the next week to refine the third alternative approach. A more fully articulated and preferred alternative will be presented at next months' Board meeting.

The preferred alternative will use A as a baseline scenario with a discussion of added amenities.

- Softer feel
- Some urban pieces
- Stronger linear pieces
- Long and wide promenade
- Multi-use space - use for crafts, festivals, art
- Tall trees
- Bridge the urban end
- Soft natural landscape, not too dense

Alternative A with the added amenities seemed stronger, more comfortable, and fit the space. The general consensus on the water feature was the threading of the water through the space giving connectivity and could take on a variety of visual experiences - some place natural, other places ordered - interactive potential. The water feature identified in Alt. A1 would be approximately one acre of water (200' x 200') - some places deep (up to six feet), shallow on the edge - this would also include stormwater run-off etc. Next month the consultants will come back to the Board with more concise measurements pertaining to the water. Amenities discussed included:

Plaza location

- Using the current turnaround at the existing plaza
- Not too large
- Using the plaza as a connecting thread
- Landscape running through

River's Edge

- Some more access to river
- Terraced slope down to the river
- Nothing big or architectural
- Trails Commission was concerned about safety and interface between any activity between the campus and the trail (people crossing, bikes riders)
- Seat wall, picnic benches, small gazebo, restroom

160th Entry

- Some thread of connectivity between entry and open space
- Courthouse not an issue
- Entry options - curved, straight, Police only "spur" - Police had no issues
- All Boards/Commissioned liked some sort of curved entry road
- Alt. A - general plan - more connective, more sympathetic to the original plan

Heron House/Courthouse Trellis/Integrated Art/Amphitheater:

- Heron House - Everyone liked - wanted all elements - Observatory
- Courthouse Trellis - softened the courthouse visual, defined space
- Integrated Art - woven throughout the design
- Amphitheater - community performance area

Other ideas:

- House hitching (wide soft surface horse trail on west side of river)
- Crossing over river - $\frac{1}{2}$ north of proposed City Hall plaza
- Arts Commission suggested a cover pavilion, multi-purpose events undercover
- Restroom structure - staff suggested an off-trail building
- Schemes were presented to City Hall developers - aware of all issues - updated

Parks issues - need to address:

- New outdoor programs for Sr. Center - needs to be identified as the Sr. Center Open space with intent to reinvent that area
- Wellhead "do's and don'ts"
- What are the events that happen at the Sr. Center, requirements, functions and sizes - how much room for Derby Days
- Counter balance plantings
- Bio-filtration Plan
- Survey is currently being done - need outcome of that survey for future planning purposes

Board comments:

- Callister - favors Alt. A
- Stewart - Looking at the river, terracing gently sloped toward water, opening up to river, promontory - bridge quality at high places, at either side land would slope away. Shallow with bridges for crossing the river. Co-mingling with library and City Campus exit would be a good idea.

- Kelsey - would like to see good connectivity between the Campus entry road and the small section above the entry road. Put bridge over water so that people standing on the bridge can look down onto the river. One big crossover instead of a number of small ones. Curb cuts on 85th - combine one curb cut with library and City Campus - easier and safer access from library parking lot. Likes meandering affect of Alt. A. Cut down the exposure of water - put some underground (stormwater retention) to provide more land. Currently, not enough parking for the Sr. Center users, underground parking will add this provide more spaces for parking.
- Degenstein - Favored Alt. C.
- Ladd - Favored Alt. A.
- Snodgrass - Did not favor any of the alternatives. Liked the fact that some of the trees were pulled back, don't want deep ravines created for detention purposes, want an entry that is inviting to the public.
- Katherine - liked native plants usage in Alt. A.

Board concurred that Alt. A was the favored plan. The consultants will modify the plan and get back to the Board at their next meeting. A scale model of the Campus site will be available in approximately one month.

VI. New Business

A. Arts Commission Video

Tabled to next month.

B. Grant Opportunities/IAC and Conservation Futures - Cox

Cox reported that the department had applied for a grant for purchase of property within the Avondale, Avondale Way triangle (car wash location). Purchase of a 1+/- acre parcel and trail right-of-way (1 to 1½ acres - links 200' of trail), necessary, to make the final link in trail between Union Hill Road and Avondale Road (south of car/sales business).

C. Board Re-Appointment (Chair & Vice Chair)

Kelsey, Query and Snodgrass will be reappointed to the Board at the April 6 City Council meeting. Voting for new chair and vice chair held over until May's meeting.

D. Transit Oriented Development (TOD) - Joel Pfundt - handout

Joel Pfundt, Transportation Planner, City of Redmond updated the Board on the City's TOD Plan. Pfundt noted that Park and Rides shelters provide safe transfer to and from buses and provide a focal point to catch buses for riders.

Pfundt noted that the NE 83rd Street Corridor Study project was the springboard to the 161st Street and NE 83rd Street traffic light project. There had been a number of concerns about cross traffic safety - auto and pedestrian. The Study offered a segway to look at the corridor project as a whole. Project approval includes improvements to sidewalks and park and ride downtown. There had been some discussion on placing a new transit center in downtown, but felt that the current park and ride was the best location, any other place would be a trade off, and the current location is centrally located. Sound Transit funding was available now and could be gone by late summer of this year.

Before work can progress an environmental investigation would need to be done (noise, stormwater and other environmental issues), preliminary steps would need to be taken - cost estimates and a conceptual plan.

A design charette was held for transit oriented developing including new transit facilities, and a variety of concepts were discussed. A number of Boards and Commission were invited to participate, along with outside agencies (Metro KC, Sound Transit, City staff, Planning Commission, Park Board, Design Review Board, city employees) to help develop and shape the plan.

Development meeting schedule:

- Concepts -3, environmental review, preliminary design (4/28)
- Planning Commission (5/5)
- Design Review Board (5/6)
- Park Board (5/6)
- Possible public meeting (5/13)
- Council Study Session (6/8)
- Regular Council Meeting (6/29)
- Eastside Transportation partnership
- Sound Transit (July/August)
- 2005 Full blown design
- 2006 Construction

The current transit center is centrally located downtown, which will provide improved transit access and passenger safety. The plan is to enhance current location and amenities (e.g. artwall, skatepark).

Board has some concerns to the realignment of NE 83rd - possible "non-exposure" to skatepark by building a $\frac{1}{2}$ wall - thus closing off the park and artwall which the Board sees as a connectivity and view issue (walling off the park). Some safety issues of dropping off kids by parents need addressing. Like the idea of making it a more lineal type park along the 83rd Street Corridor and more "people" oriented.

Major points of the project:

- Develop a centrally located bus transit station
- Improve and enhance skatepark - work together to invite more activity, make it more inviting and pleasant place - adding more picnic tables
- Turnaround for buses - safe
- Improvements will make it easier to turn this area into a safe, functionable, easily accessible and more accommodating
- 30' of the existing right-of-way was always planned as part of the proposed street alignment
- Address crossing 161st issue - safer for pedestrians and cars
- When the TOD is built, requirement for additional layover on site
- Some ground floor commercial
- New facility will make this a true transit center
- The 344 stalls that currently exist in the park and ride will be included in the TOD
- Do not want to "wall off" the skatepark - more porous
- Provide other amenities to the park site - possible small storefront to provide services for park users (skateboard repair, etc..)
- Enhance transit system for youth
- Elements you would like to see as part of the park? Support for other things that Sound Transit might consider in their plan?

Kelsey:

- All transit needs should be sited on the south side
- Questions capacity for buses
- Traffic flow issue
- Environmental issues - noise, pollution, air quality - deteriorate the environment
- Too many people

- Park and Rides should be located outside the city (i.e. Bear Creek) - one on east side and west side of city - like Overlake
- Horticulture barrier of evergreen trees

Snodgrass:

- Expanding transit into the park
- Additional barrier by incorporating a transit element - 10 additional feet for sidewalk and wider spot for transit customers
- Drop off was meant for parents dropping off kids at the skatepark - now looking like an amenity to a transit element that impacts visually and physically the park
- All transit elements should remain within the transit center
- Barriering off the skatepark will change the character of the space - open space, safe, visually open, inviting

Callister:

- Wait to see next drawing/phase

Ladd:

- Want to see next phase/drawing
- Concerned about "wall of buses" around

Degenstein:

- Accepts widening and
- Non-supportive of giving up more land for transit center
- Alternatives for other side of 83rd? Rather investigate this alternative, even if cost is more
- No impact on skatepark and artwall - less 30' already dedicated
- Don't bring in three alternatives that impact the park - bring "no impact" alternatives
- Public restrooms

Hopkins:

- Next month concepts to be brought back to Board for review

E. May Tour - Hopkins

Deferred to next month's meeting.

V. Old Business

A. PRO Plan - Tim Cox

The PRO Plan is at about 70% to completion. Revisions were made to revise - not create, organize the Plan in a planning implementation document, survey citizens to establish needs - attitudes - concerns, simplify the per capita criteria without changing the standards and prepare a budget based program for acquisition and construction of capital projects. The Plan meets the IAC criteria of identifying goals and objectives that have now become incorporated by reference in the Comprehensive Plan. Provides inventory, public involvement demand and needs analysis and capital improvement program and adoption. Goals and objectives are incorporated, changes - Chapter III, Arts and Cultural sections, - Inventory, special use local parks - Needs assessment. Commonly expressed needs - open space, greenway, habitat corridors, trails, acquisition, development and redevelopment of parks, addition of local parks, renovation, renewal and maintenance, need for additional recreational facilities to accommodate diverse and affordable recreation programs (diversity of citizens) and partnership opportunities.

Department staff will be going to Planning Commission on April 7, as a study session. Mid-month the Board will receive Draft #3 - 90% completion.

New aerial photos of selected park sites will be included in the new PRO Plan (Skate park, Sunset Gardens, ORSCC, GrassLawn, Perrigo, SE Neighborhood Park, Hartman Park). Public Works will have an aerial of the entire City done by this summer.

Plans to produce annual updates of the PRO Plan with the PIP and CIP is the department's goal.

Staff will make a distinction between public owned smaller parks (local park - greater than $\frac{1}{2}$ acre, but smaller than 2 acres) and developer built parks. Kelsey suggested he favored "private - non-city" to indicate non-city owned parks.

Snodgrass asked staff to make a distinction between "NA" as "N/A" (not applicable) and "NC" as "N/C" (no change) to make it clearer. She also noted that on Page 11 - Senior elements - modify to "active, less competitive, more fitness oriented".

Degenstein noted and commented that no "local park" mentioned in tables or diagrams. Should be noted as resources park/special use.

April 27, staff will go to City Council Study Session. Draft #3 will go to the Park Board within the next two weeks - Planning Commission April 7 - Work Council Study Session on April 27 (7:30 p.m.). Hopkins asked for some Board members to attend.

B. Idylwood Park - Response to Playground Location - Rice

Overall Study - Update

- Review draft copy of the Tom Atkins study.
- Staff will meet with Atkins in two weeks - go over draft and present to Board next month
- Advertised for final public comments - addressing issues and putting final endorsements on preferred alternative
- June - final comments

Placement of Playground Equipment

- Staff reviewed positioning of playground, sand volleyball in proximity to restrooms and picnic shelter - determined this is the best location onsite
- Class III wetland close by - points to the northern location for the playground, further away from the beach
- Greater visibility
- Restroom proximity - close
- ADA accessible
- Wetland delineation is being done to type out wetlands and buffered areas (Class II - 50' buffer, Class III - 25' buffer)

Brief contact with Row Club - Hopkins - Row Club would like to come back to the Board to discuss their concepts. They have taken all comments (Park Board, general public) and made some significant modifications into what they have been considering. Significant effort and change has been made to the original plan. Plans to modify the building have been made - no plans to remove buildings from original plan - potentially address Board in June.

- Notice will be given to solicit significant public input at the next Park Board meeting
- Opportunity Study - May meeting - Board will receive draft from Atkins before May's meeting for review and final comments. June final opportunity study draft report and alternative map to Board for final approval.
- Presentation by the Row Club in summer of their proposal if area included in plan.
- Public notice will be made - RCTV, webpage, news release

VII. Reports

A. Project Updates

- CIP Introduction - Handout (matrix)

First row - Remaining and 2003-2006 Projects - staff is finding a way to keep the momentum going with projects that have a high community need using a certain criteria. Proposed projects moved to outer years. Postponing projects to have more capital work within the next two years. Re-prioritization of remaining projects. Defer existing projects (6) to outer years - adding some projects to 2005-2006. Staff brainstormed on what and how to move projects to outer years fully fund existing projects and other projects.

Degenstein asked if staff had developed a "hot list" of properties that the Parks Dept. might be interested in. Hopkins noted that a list had been made and a more definite report will be made to the Board at next month's meeting.

Snodgrass asked about the Arts Commission's concerns with the elements at Perrigo. Hopkins noted that staff is working with the Commission, contractor and staff to correct any issues (color and visual issues - blocking artwork with fencing). ***Staff will report to the Board on the issues at the May's meeting.***

- Transportation Master Plan

Tabled to next month.

- Marymoor Park - Hopkins

King County has been developing a plan to generate revenue. Several of the concepts that have been discussed are the concert series (expand), golf driving range, reader board sign. The Mayor's office is meeting regularly with King County staff to stay in the "loop" of things to come. The City is trying to partnership and mitigate negative impacts on the community. Possible scenario; Marymoor annexed into the City of Redmond - Redmond would have some jurisdiction on the park.

Trust for Public Lands may be attending May's meeting. Callister will distribute minutes from previous meeting to Board. Thy would be sharing the first step of four - analysis of revenue sources that will be available to the City.

- Parks and Human Services Committee - Snodgrass and Kelsey

Less project update reporting, relying on Board and Commission for input. Beginning in April - fourth Thursday of every month - 4:00 p.m. - Council Conference Room.

Snodgrass asked staff to provide a copy of the Bear Evans Creek Study - condensed version - executive summary.

Snodgrass commended staff, City of Redmond employees, Parks staff for their care, quality off maintenance, provided to citizen, staff in Redmond is exceptional.

- FireFighter Plaza
Dedication today, April 1.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Degenstein

Second by: Ladd

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

By: _____
Lori Snodgrass, Chair

Date

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

Next Regular Meeting

May 6, 2004

7:00 p.m.

Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center